

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner has restricted examination of claims 1-44 in this application. Specifically, the Examiner restricted claims 1-20 to Group I as being drawn to a system for communicating with an RFID tag, and the Examiner restricted claims 21-44 to Group II as being drawn to an antenna housing.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the brief telephonic interview held with the undersigned on March 24, 2006. In the interview the undersigned pointed out that claims 11-20 appeared to be logically grouped with claims 21-44. The Examiner agreed and the present election is made in that basis.

Accordingly, Applicant hereby elects to proceed with prosecution of claims 11-44. This election is made without traverse. Applicant has canceled claims 1-10 without prejudice for possible inclusion in a divisional application.

If the Examiner believes that a further telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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